

## CONFIRMED BY AN IRIDE.

## The Porte Officially Yields to the Demands of France.

## Admiral Canard Ordered to Withdraw from Mitylene—The Sudden Retreat Regarded as Suspicious—Diplomatic Relations Restored.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—The Sultan has issued an irade, which, after yielding all the material French claims and accepting France's new demands, recognizes the legal existence of the present schools, and accords them immunity from the payment of customs duty.

In conformity with the actual treaties, it recognizes the legal existence of the French religious establishments and hospitals, according them exemption from the property tax and from paying customs duties. It further authorizes the building, repairing and enlarging of schools, hospitals and religious establishments, which were destroyed or injured during 1894, 1895 and 1896 in Adalia, Turkey and Constantinople. The Sultan also engages to recognize as authorized the foundations, endowments, constructions and repairs of the same establishments, and to carry out in the future, unless the Porte presents objections within six months after notification of the French interests, the election of a Christian Patriarch is sanctioned, and, furthermore, proof is given to M. Hapt, Counselor of the French Embassy, that these decisions will be put into execution.

M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs, telegraphed to M. Hapt, at Constantinople, last night, bearing the news of the irade. The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, that diplomatic relations between France and Turkey were resumed. Meanwhile, M. Hapt is regularly accepted as chargé d'affaires, pending the return to Constantinople of M. Constant, the French Ambassador.

Admiral Canard has received orders to re-embark his sailors at Mitylene, and to take his squadron to one of the islands of the Greek archipelago, probably Syra.

The French Government, upon the situation, says:

"The sudden news of such a retreat is not calculated to reassure us; on the contrary, it makes us believe in hidden dangers."

A writer in the "Revue" says that from the moment the irade was proclaimed was uttered, France was confronted no longer by Abdul Hamid, but by William III.

A despatch from London, dated Nov. 10, states that, according to information received Sunday morning from Mitylene, the French squadron was still in the port, and the custom house was occupied by French garrisons.

The Government here is more ridiculed than praised. M. Delcasse's timidity has been too apparent to permit French prestige to derive any benefit from the irade. The only man who has improved his reputation is M. Hapt, who, through the irade, has been able to show himself a man of tact, and, above all, firmness.

## A SETTLEMENT FROM TURKEY.

A number of Austro-Hungarian Affairs Arranged by the Porte.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 10.—The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador has secured from the Porte a satisfactory settlement of a number of matters that have been pending for some time.

## BRIGANDS LETTER GENUINE.

Accuracy of the Published Text Doubtful, However.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A despatch to the "Telegraph" from Sofia says the accuracy of the text of the letter purporting to be from Miss Stone, the American missionary, who is published by some of the newspapers, is generally doubted. It is true, however, that Consul Dickinson received, through Bulgarian agents at Samakoff, a letter from the brigands, containing a few words in Bulgarian added by Miss Stone, saying that she and Miss Tolkwa were alive.

Mr. Dickinson adheres to his conviction that the brigands are on Bulgarian territory.

## HONORS TO LI HUNG CHANG.

Ministers Pay a Visit to the Dead Statesman.

PEKING, Nov. 10.—The foreign ministers today paid a visit of condolence to the late Li Hung Chang's yamen. The coffin of the aged statesman was on an altar in an inner court. It was covered with a royal pall here in white, which was the command of the Emperor. This is an honor which has hitherto been confined to the Imperial family. Many Buddhist priests were in attendance.

There were rows of tables, on which were food and paper money. Candles and incense were burning around the coffin, near which were Li Hung Chang's two sons, clothed in black. A screen hid the coffin from view.

Before the screen was a cushion, on which the Chinese ministers knelt and prostrated themselves. The Ministers advanced singly, and made a low bow. Hundreds of officials, wearing their robes of office and attended by retainers, were arriving in Peking daily, to pay their respects to the dead.

## THE SPEECH COOLLY RECEIVED.

Lord Salisbury's Address Unimpaired by the London Press.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The newspapers give a somewhat cool reception to Lord Salisbury's Glad Hall speech. The Government papers naturally do not desire to criticize it severely. The "Times" gently argues with the Prime Minister. It mentions that in one place he made "a rather curious assertion, while elsewhere, we confess, we find his sayings somewhat dark."

It declares it cannot understand why the Government should not give the country, which is spending £2,000,000 weekly, a general view of the situation monthly, so that the progress made could be seen. The "Daily News" is outspokenly dissatisfied. It says:

"There was no mistaking the effect of the speech on the public mind. The enthusiasm it completely extinguished."

The "Standard" says the speech lacked Lord Salisbury's usual vigor and clearness. It disagrees with many of the Prime Minister's points.

The "Morning Leader" and the "Daily News" find nothing good in the speech. The "Chronicle" speaks of it as "ineffectual and unimpressive."

## FOR BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

Dr. Nansen Negotiating for an International Undertaking.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A Copenhagen despatch to the "Morning Leader" says that Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, is negotiating concerning the proposed institution of a great biological research in northern waters. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Holland, Russia, and Germany are to take part in it.

The Danish Government has resolved to invite the interested States to hold a conference at Copenhagen to discuss the subject.

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## ACCIDENT ON A BATTLESHIP.

## An Officer and Six Men Killed on the Royal Sovereign.

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ATHENS, Nov. 10.—While the British first-class battleship Royal Sovereign was practicing with her guns near Astakos today, one of the big weapons burst, killing an officer and six men belonging to the Marine Artillery, and seriously injuring her captain and thirteen sailors.

It is reported that the accident was due to an artilleryman neglecting to close the breech before the gun was fired.

## BOERS USE NEW TACTICS.

Small Bands Concentrate to Aid Each Other When Attacked.

PRETORIA, Nov. 10.—Small bands of Boers have been operating lately in the country about Witburg and Tloa. These bands maintain communication with each other, so that when the British attack a particular detachment all the other bands are ready to join them. They then close in and attempt to surround the British. If they do not succeed in this they retire to camp. These tactics occasionally make it necessary for the Boer detachments to be reinforced several times a day.

Seventeen prisoners arrived here today bound for Orangeburg. They were in good health, looking fit, while those who have been captured recently arrived in a state of exhaustion.

The return of the field force cautions during the month of October in the Orange River Colony was over \$2,000.

## CHILDISH SPIES DISPLAYED.

The Area Club's Petty Treatment of M. Santos-Dumont.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—The childish spite the Area Club is displaying against M. Santos-Dumont is amazing everyone. M. Santos-Dumont offered to give a shed to the club, but the club refused to accept it. It would take nothing from him. The club was reached when Marquis de Dion, the club's president, was preparing to give M. Santos-Dumont a receipt, asked for the shed. The club refused to accept it.

It is reported that several of the best known French sportsmen have shown much feeling and indignation at the club's treatment of M. Santos-Dumont. They are determined to be enthusiastic and to make up for the many slights he has received.

## FRENCH FINANCES ASSAILED.

Their Present Condition Deplorable, Declares M. Chauvaneau.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—M. Frank Chauvaneau, Vice President of the Senate, who presided at a meeting at Campagne today, fiercely attacked the Government. He pointed out the deplorable condition of the country, and the deplorable condition of the finances. He said that the country was in a deplorable condition. Its chief attacks were on the Ministry of Finance, and on the Ministry of Commerce.

M. Chauvaneau, Minister of Finance, and M. Millerand, Minister of Commerce, followed M. Chauvaneau. They urged the necessity for forming a ratepayers' union to stop the scandalous waste of money.

## SEWER CONTRACT AWARDED.

The Ayuntamiento Accepts the Bid of McGivney & Rokeby.

HAVANA, Nov. 10.—The Ayuntamiento, by a vote of 19 to 8, has decided to accept the bid of McGivney & Rokeby, of New York City, for the construction of a sewer system in Havana. Several of the members protested against accepting the bid, declaring it was an imposition on the city by the military government, but others asserted that the Ayuntamiento could not avoid accepting the bid, as the military government had ordered.

An anonymous leaflet has been circulated in the Ayuntamiento. It bears the title of "The Secret of the Sewerage Contract," and states that McGivney & Rokeby were thoroughly informed by persons conversant with the specifications, and that they showed this fact in their bid, and that they had never made plans of the city themselves.

An anonymous circular on the subject has been printed in the "Havana Post." The first letter maintained that it was generally believed in New York that if any one of the first three bids was accepted, the bid would be divided among all three bidders, and that the only firm which made a clean bid was the lowest bidder. This letter was answered by the Arthur Bros., who denied that they were interested in any bid but their own. They said that they had no interest in the bid, and that they had never made plans of the city themselves.

The bid was accepted by the Ayuntamiento, and the McGivney & Rokeby firm was awarded the contract. The bid was for the construction of a sewer system in Havana. The bid was for the construction of a sewer system in Havana. The bid was for the construction of a sewer system in Havana.

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## NEW YORK LEADERS SPLIT.

## Collectorship Divides Governor Odell and Senator Platt.

## The Former Demands the Removal of George R. Bidwell, Who is Deceased by the Latter—President Roosevelt Not Decided What to Do.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—President Roosevelt, it is stated, has not yet decided whether or not he will retain Collector George R. Bidwell. A considerable number of Republicans among them Governor Odell, have been in the movement to get Bidwell out. The President will not make up his mind in this matter until after he has had another talk with Senator Platt, who is loyal to Bidwell.

Four years ago President McKinley made Mr. Bidwell collector. Under the recommendation of the Republican organization of the county and State, Mr. Bidwell was a Buffalo man originally, but he came to New York City about twenty years ago. A minor revenue man, Mr. Bidwell became Vice President of the Republican County Committee and leader of the Nineteenth Assembly district. The Platt side of Governor Odell's hostility to Bidwell is public in the following statement:

A year ago Collector Bidwell discovered that a great deal of smuggling was permitted at this port, and as a result of his investigation, seventy-two inspectors were removed from office. Among the men removed was William Beebe, of Rockland County, a great friend of Governor Odell. Governor Odell protested against Beebe's removal. The Governor and Collector Bidwell met in the Fifth Avenue Hotel several months ago, and Governor Odell said to Collector Bidwell:

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## INVENTOR CHARGES FORGERY.

## Payment for His Patents Made With a Bad Check.

## NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Everett Rodine Latham, twenty-eight years old, who says he is a promoter, was arrested today and locked up in the West Thirtieth Street station, charged with forgery. Latham has been living in an apartment at 4 West Forty-seventh Street. The complaint against him is in Lee A. Agnew, an insurance representative in this city of the "Chicago Record-Herald."

On September 28, Latham showed me a check for \$5,000, made out to his order and purporting to bear the signature of W. C. Durant, of Fiat, Mich., a manufacturer of carriages. Inasmuch as the check was made payable to Latham he suggested that he deposit it to his bank account and give me his personal check for the same amount. A day or two later Latham gave me his personal check for the first payment. This check bore the signature of W. C. Durant, of Fiat, Mich., a manufacturer of carriages. Inasmuch as the check was made payable to Latham he suggested that he deposit it to his bank account and give me his personal check for the same amount. A day or two later Latham gave me his personal check for the first payment. This check bore the signature of W. C. Durant, of Fiat, Mich., a manufacturer of carriages. Inasmuch as the check was made payable to Latham he suggested that he deposit it to his bank account and give me his personal check for the same amount. 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